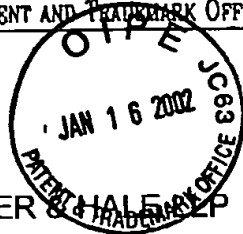




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DECISION GRANTING
PETITION

This is a decision on the March 23, 2001 petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.10(d) requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of November 9, 1999, rather than the presently accorded filing date of November 8, 1999.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on November 9, 1999. In support, the petition is accompanied by the declaration of Elaine Johnson, a copy of the application (including the cover sheet), a copy of the dated check used to pay the filing fee, a copy of the return postcard receipt (USPTO stamped November 8, 1999), a paper titled "express mail receipt and billing date", and a copy of the Express Mail labels nos. EL280435361US, EL368760144US, EL368760175US, EL368760232US, EL368760229US, EL368760161US, EL368760569US, EL368760541US, and EL078839092US (all alleged to have been deposited on the same date).

In view of the above, *this petition is granted*.¹

This application will be returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to November 9, 1999.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Petitions Attorney Scott M. Ledford in the Office of Petitions at (703) 306-5593.

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